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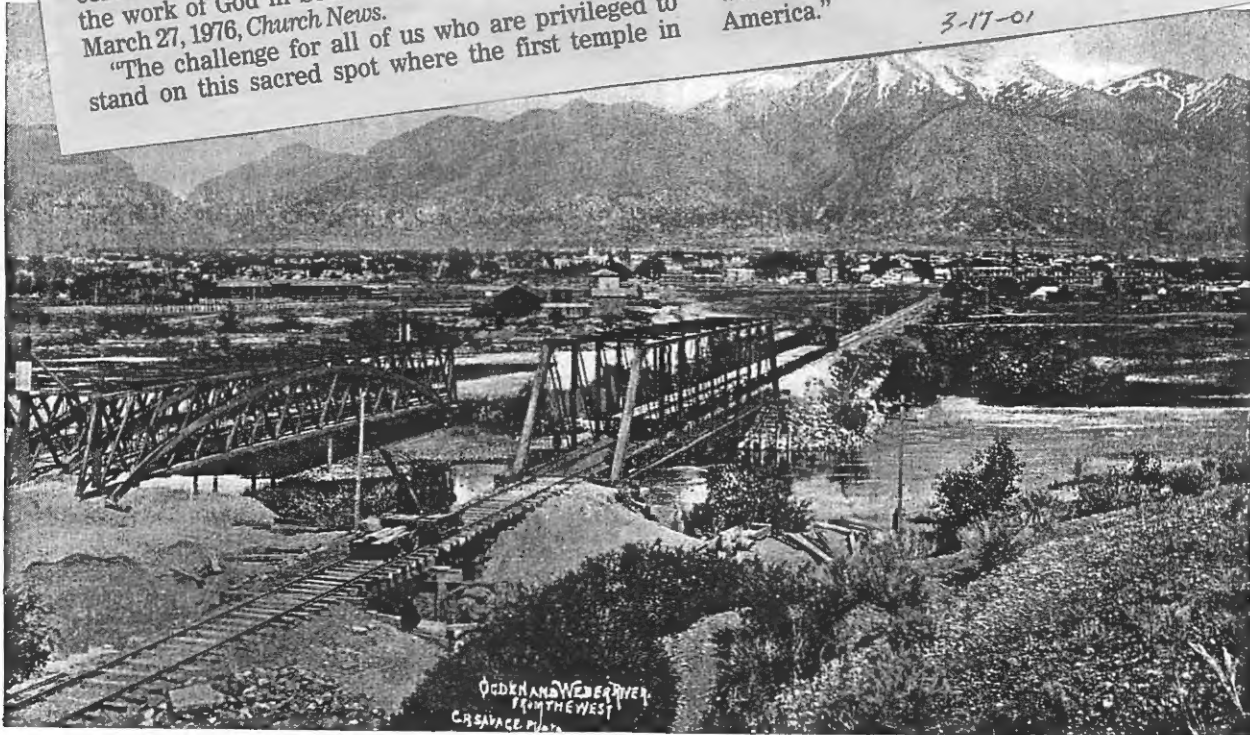
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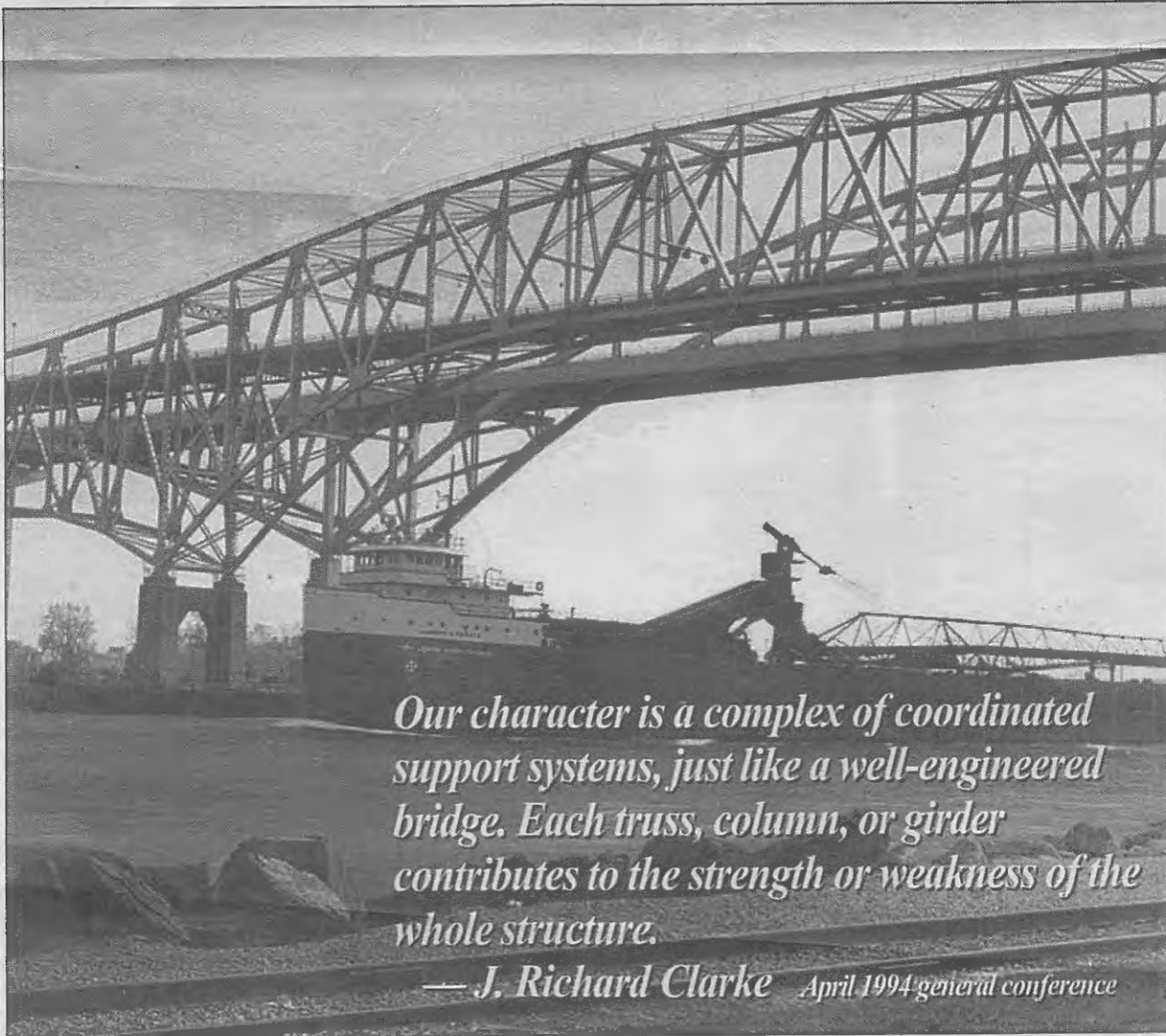
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Message of inspiration



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— J. Richard Clarke April 1994 general conference

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